

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 5, 13, 19 and 25 have been amended and claim 28 has been added. No new matter has been entered. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16-22 and 25-28 are pending and under consideration.

INFORMAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH EXAMINER ON 11/10/2005:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the informal telephone conference of November 10, 2005 during which the applicants explained that the claims in question will be amended to more clearly define the shapes of the member and the case. Although no formal agreement as to the allowability of the claims was reached, applicants understood that the Examiner agreed that the amendments appeared to be satisfactory as will be discussed below.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is objected to. Particularly, the Office Action requests that a designation of the "profile of the member in a longitudinal direction," be made. Responsively, applicants note that the "profile" is the image one would see if one looked at, for example, the member 110, shown in FIG. 3, from a position that is co-linear with the dotted line. As to the question of whether the claimed phrase noted by the Examiner is supported by the specification, applicants note that the claimed phrase has been amended. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2 and 5 are objected to because of informalities. However, since claims 2 and 5 have been amended according to the suggestions of the Office Action, these objections are moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16-22 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16-22 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C., second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as

the invention. However, since claims 1, 13, 19 and 25 have been amended so as to more clearly define the shapes of the member and the case, it is respectfully asserted that the rejections are overcome. Therefore, the claims are believed to be allowable.

ADDED CLAIM 26:

Applicants note that claim 26 has been added and is generic to the embodiment disclosed in the specification and the other claims. Therefore, claim 26 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:


There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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